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April 16, 2015

The Honorable Lew Currier
Mayor, Town of Jerome
600 Clark Street
Jerome, Arizona 86331

Community: Town of Jerome, Arizona
Community No.: 040138
Map Panels Affected: See FIRM Index

Dear Mayor Currier:

Recently, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) completed a re-evaluation of flood hazards in Yavapai County and produced a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Yavapai County, Arizona and Incorporated Areas. The FIRM and FIS report for your community have been prepared in our countywide format, which means that flood hazard information for all jurisdictions within Yavapai County has been combined into one FIRM and FIS report. On June 1, 2012, FEMA provided your community and other communities in Yavapai County with Preliminary copies of the countywide FIS report and FIRM. Based on an examination of flood hazards at that time, no Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) were known to exist for your community. SFHAs are the areas subject to inundation by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). The base flood is the national standard on which the flood insurance and floodplain management requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) are based.

The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and various regulations of the NFIP (42 U.S.C. Section 4001-4128) are based on Base Flood Elevations (BFEs). FEMA has determined that no BFEs are known to exist in your community; the entire community will be placed in Zone X (unshaded). This does not preclude future SFHA designations necessitated by changed conditions affecting your community or the availability of new scientific or technical data about flood hazards. Your community should recognize that floods larger than the base flood do occur and should exercise care in evaluating new development that could aggravate or create flood problems in your community or in adjacent communities.

The countywide FIRM and FIS report will become effective on October 16, 2015. Before the effective date, FEMA will send you final printed copies of the FIS report and only those FIRM Panels that present flood hazard information for your community. We will provide complete sets of the FIRM Panels to county officials, where they will be available for review by your community.

The effects of this determination are as follows:

1. Any regulation of the NFIP with which your community is complying remains unchanged, and no additional conditions must be met as a condition of your community's participation in the NFIP. However, your community should recognize that floods larger than the base flood do occur, and your community should exercise care in evaluating new development that could aggravate or create flood problems in your community or in adjacent communities.

2. The entire community will be placed in Zone X (unshaded).

3. The maximum coverage available under the Regular Phase of the NFIP will continue to be available.

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The FIRM panels have been computer-generated. Once the FIRM and FIS report are printed and distributed, the digital files containing the flood hazard data for the entire county can be provided to your community for use in a computer mapping system. These files can be used in conjunction with other thematic data for floodplain management purposes, insurance purchase and rating requirements, and many other planning applications.

Additional information and resources your community may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management, such as *The National Flood Insurance Program Code of Federal Regulations, Answers to Questions About the National Flood Insurance Program, Use of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Data as Available Data, Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Effects that Revised Flood Hazards have on Existing Structures,* and *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions,* can be found on our website at http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/lfd. Paper copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,

Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

cc: Community Map Repository
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